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SUBJECT: IREX CONSULTATION VISIT

REF: MOSCOW 2091

1. SUMMARY. SECOND HALF OF IREX VISIT WENT WELL WITH ONLY ONE TRULY DISAPPOINTING MEETING. VISITS HAVE HELPED IREX REPS GAIN BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF CURRENT PROCEDURES AND PROBLEMS HERE WHILE ENABLING THEM ALSO TO MAKE AT HIGH LEVEL THE POINT THAT CONTINUED PROGRESS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN EXCHANGES ARE IMPORTANT TO CURRENT SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. IREX REPS KASSOF AND MATUSZEWSKI RESUMED THEIR CONSULTATION VISITS IN MOSCOW MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, FOLLOWING RELAXING, ENJOYABLE, AND ALSO VERY USEFUL WEEKEND VISIT TO TALLINN AS GUESTS OF ACADEMY. CONSTANT CONTACT WITH KEY MEMBERS OF ACADEMY FOREIGN SECTION STAFF PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCUSSIONS  
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OF PROCEDURAL AND EXCHANGE POLICY  
QUESTIONS AND OF CONTENTS AND SIGNIFICANCE OF  
IREX ANNUAL REPORT.

3. KASSOF AND MATUSZEWSKI  
HAD LENGTHY AND USEFUL VISITS TO INION (SEE REFTTEL), INSTITUTE OF  
EGHNOGRAPHY, INSTITUTE OF PSYCHOLOGY, INSTITUTE OF

SOCIOLOGY, AND INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' MOVEMENT (IIWM). MEETINGS AT ETHNOGRAPHY INSTITUTE, PSYCHOLOGY INSTITUTE, AND IIWM WERE WITH DIRECTORS BROMLEY, LOMOV, AND TIMOFEYEV RESPECTIVELY. MEETINGS WERE DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO SOCIAL SCIENCES BINATIONAL COMMISSION BUSINESS AND WERE CORDIAL AND VERY PRODUCTIVE. SOCIOLOGISTS ARE CLEARLY LAGGING BEHIND, BUT JOINT WORK IN OTHER FIELDS ARE SHOWING PROGRESS. MEETING WITH TIMOFEYEV AND LUNCH HE HOSTED IN HONOR OF IREX VISITORS WERE PARTICULARLY PRODUCTIVE AND THEY MAY LEAD TO SOME ADDITIONAL COMMISSION PROJECTS.

4. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, MEETING AT CENTRAL ECONOMIC MATHEMATICS INSTITUTE (TSEMI) WAS BY CONTRAST VERY DISAPPOINTING. DURING DISCUSSION INSTITUTE DEPUTY DIRECTOR MODIN MADE IT CLEAR THAT PROGRESS ON PLANNED JOINT PUBLICATION IS STALLED AND THAT SOVIET ECONOMISTS, AT LEAST AT TSEMI, ARE NOT PREPARED TO MOVE AHEAD TOWARD OPEN EXCHANGES OF RESEARCH RESULTS AND OPINIONS WITH AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS. THIS MEETING WAS ONLY ONE DURING VISIT IN MOSCOW AT WHICH EMBOFF WAS NOT PRESENT, UNFORTUNATELY, BUT IREX REPS CHARACTERIZED IT AS TYPICAL OF WHAT THEY ENCOUNTERED HERE 7-8 YEARS AGO.

5. LENGTHY MEETING AT MAIN ARCHIVAL ADMINISTRATION WAS, ON THE OTHER HAND, VERY USEFUL. IT PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SUBJECTS OF ARCHIVAL ACCESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND MICROFILMING IN DETAIL AND IN SURPRISINGLY CONSTRUCTIVE FASHION WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR MALITIKOV. IREX REPS PRESENTED COPY OF THEIR RECENT ANALYSIS OF ACCESS AND A DETAILED LIST OF NEEDS FOR NEXT YEAR. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED NEEDS OF EXCHANGES CURRENTLY IN USSR. MEETING RAISED IREX'S AND EMBASSY'S RELATIONS WITH MAA TO A NEW LEVEL AND SHOULD BENEFIT NEXT YEAR'S SCHOLARS IF NOT THIS YEAR'S.

6. WRAP-UP MEETING AT ACADEMY AND LUNCH AFTERWARDS HOSTED BY HEAD OF FOREIGN RELATIONS KULAKOV PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO REPORT ON PROGRESS, RAISE PROBLEMS (SLIGHT IN SOCIOLOGY, SERIOUS IN ECONOMICS), PRESS FOR RESOLUTION OF PENDING CASES SUCH AS HAMMER'S REQUEST FOR A LONGER STAY, AND HOGH'S INTEREST IN RETURNING, AND CONFIRM DATES FOR SECOND SOCIAL SCIENCES BINATIONAL COMMISSION MEETING, NOW SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 6-10 IN USSR. IREX REPS AGAIN EMPHASIZED

IMPORTANCE OF EXCHANGES AND AMERICAN SCHOLARS' REACTION  
TO THEM IN CONTEXT OF CURRENT US--USSR RELATIONS.

7. ROGERS, HOLM VISITED LENINGRAD TO DISCUSS SUCH  
ISSUES AS HOUSING AND PROCEDURES IN DEALING WITH  
INOTDEL. CONGEN WILL REPORT IN DETAIL ON USEFUL  
DISCUSSIONS THEY HAD THERE.

8. DURING TWO HOUR FOLLOW-UP MEETING AT MHE WITH  
KULIK, TABACHENKO AND STAFFS OF MINISTRY'S CAPITALIST  
COUNTRIES AND RECEPTION DEPARTMENTS, IREX REPS AND  
EMBOFF WERE ABLE TO PUSH AGAIN FOR RESOLUTION  
OF CERTAIN PROBLEMS CONNECTION WITH KOMANDIROVKI, ETC.  
MHE ALSO INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE MORE COMPLETE  
INFO ON ACCESS TO INSTITUTIONS AND ARCHIVES WHEN  
PLACEMENTS ARE DISCUSSED.

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9. KASSOF, MATUSZEWSKI REPORTED TO AMBASSADOR  
FEBRUARY 17 ON RESULTS OF THEIR VISIT.

10. POST WILL REPORT VIA AIRGRAM ADDITIONAL DETAILS  
WHICH EMERGED DURING DISCUSSIONS. WE WISH,  
HOWEVER, TO CALL TO DEPT'S ATTENTION THE GREAT NEED  
TO RESUME THE PRE-DEPARTURE BRIEFING FOR SCHOLARS  
TRAVELLING TO THE USSR. WE CONSIDER THIS MEETING  
ABSOLUTELY VITAL FOR IT WOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY  
TO CONVEY INFORMATION THAT THE GRANTEES NEED FOR A  
SUCCESSFUL STAY THAT CANNOT EASILY BE PROVIDED BY  
PRINTED MATERIALS. SUCH BRIEFING SESSIONS WOULD  
ASSURE THAT MORE OF THE INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING  
VISITS SUCH AS THIS ONE ACTUALLY REACHES NEXT  
YEAR'S SCHOLARS AND, WE BELIEVE, THEIR RESUMPTION  
WOULD ALSO SIGNIFICANTLY EASE THE POST'S ROLE OF  
COUNSELLING SCHOLARS ON THESE DIFFICULTIES. EMB  
THEREFORE URGES DEPT TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT  
TO IREX TO FINANCE SPRING BRIEFING MEETING.  
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